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THE Chicago appetite for sausage is not likely to be very strong until the Luetgert trial is ended and forgotten.

NEW ORLEANS has twelve "suspicious" fever cases. That kind of fever is pretty nearly as bad as yellow jack, and warrants a free use of disinfectants.

Gov. CULBERSON has returned from his trip to the North, and the first thing he did on reaching Texas soil was to announce his candidacy for the United States senatorship.

THE insurrection in Cuba seems to have become permanent. The Spanish seem unable to quell the insurgents and the latter to lack the ability to effect a revolution.

It is a bad tempered woman who will grow angry and flit out of a theater because the management attempts to enforce the anti-high hat ordinance. No woman with a conscience should be able to enjoy a performance, knowing that her head gear was depriving those behind her of the same privilege.

JULIAN HAWTHORNE doesn't find story writing sufficiently profitable so he has taken up the occupation of corresponding for the newspapers. Just at present he is utilizing his presumably great talent—or is it genius—in portraying the lurid horrors of the Luetgert trial in Chicago for a New York paper. The defendant in this case is alleged to have murdered his wife and destroyed the body with caustic potash in a vat in his sausage factory. There is nothing very romantic in the plot, but there is enough of horror for Julian to make some very thrilling tales out of it.

GALVESTON citizens gave an elegant banquet recently in honor of Major A. M. Miller, of the United States corps of engineers, in anticipation of his early removal from there. The Island City does well to honor one who has performed such great things for her. When Major Miller first took charge of the work on the pass he found just thirteen feet of water on the bar—he leaves a depth of twenty-five and one-half feet, with a straight channel 500 feet wide leading into Galveston harbor. It is a splendid achievement and not only Galveston, but almost the entire state is immensely benefited by the great increase in commercial facilities resulting therefrom.

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ATTENTION, FARMERS!

Some Very Interesting Matter for Cotton Raisers.

The following circular issued by the Galveston Maritime Association is sent to THE HERALD for publication:

Galveston, September 1, 1897.
—To the Farmers, Ginners and all parties handling Cotton, in Texas:

The marine insurance companies have issued a new tariff on cotton; the rates are 1 per cent higher on cotton raised in Texas than on cotton raised in any other State.

Placing the value of a bale at \$40.00, the increased cost is ten cents per bale, or \$300,000.00 on a crop of 3,000,000 bales.

Who in the end pays this enormous sum of \$300,000.00?

The only answer is, "the Texas Farmer."

Just think of it—an actual loss equal to the value of 7,500 bales of cotton, caused by negligence, and who is at fault?

Up to last year the insurance companies accused the Port of Galveston of allowing cotton to remain on the wharves without protection long enough for the bales to absorb sufficient moisture to deteriorate the cotton all around the bale, and especially the end resting on the ground.

To place the responsibility where it belongs, the Wharf Company, at Galveston two years ago covered all its wharves with waterproof warehouses having planked floors, but still country damage claims came from abroad, and as the damage cannot occur here, the careless handling in the country is responsible for that enormous loss of \$300,000.00 in insurance.

The cotton is transferred here direct from the cars to the warehouse and from the warehouse to the steamers; there is no possibility of damage occurring.

The loss of \$300,000.00 can be prevented by the Farmers, Cotton Dealers and Compress Managers taking better care of the cotton, and never letting the bales rest on the ground, nor be exposed to the weather. Heavy bagging, 2 1/2 lbs. and certainly not less than 2 1/2 lbs. should be used, and skids should be placed under the bales when it is not possible to keep them in warehouses.

If the interior of the State will protect the cotton as it is done in Galveston, the question of "country damage" will be settled, and the farmers will receive \$300,000.00 more for their cotton.

B. ADOUE, President, Galveston Maritime Association.

HE IS O. K.

W. L. McGanney has joined the flock of early birds now scratching so industriously for the worm which is personified in the Texas voter. Mr. Gaughney wants to be land commissioner once more.—Brownsville HERALD.

Uncle Jake is all right, whether he lands the nomination or not.—Houston Post.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder. Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

THE ECONOMIES

IN MEXICO.

Prosperous Despite the Heavy Rate of Exchange.

San Antonio Express.

Monterey, Mexico, Sept. 6.
—The high rate of exchange and the low rate of silver has not affected the silver mining and smelting industry in this rich district. None of the mines have shut down and the smelters are running full time with their usual large force of men. Lead and copper are found in the ores here and the price of both of these metals is going up. Lead is now worth 3 1/2 cents and copper 11 cents American money per pound, which makes mining still very profitable despite the decline of silver.

The people of Mexico have been compelled to live on the products of this country to the greatest extent possible. The high rate of exchange has shut out all foreign goods from this market, but this has greatly stimulated the establishment of factories in this country for the making of many things that have heretofore been bought abroad. The merchant in Mexico who has been dealing largely in foreign goods is seriously affected by the changed financial condition and is bringing his business around to the exclusive sale of native products as rapidly as possible. One large mercantile house here placed a large order for certain lines of goods in Europe just before the rapid fall of silver began. When exchange reached a high point this house saw that they could not come out even on the goods so they sent a cablegram countermanding the order. This same house had never been able to do any business in the towns of Mexico bordering on the Rio Grande owing to the competition of United States houses.

Yesterday an order was received from a Matamoros firm for 70,000 pounds of flour. This will be the first shipment of Mexican flour ever made to Matamoros. There has been no raise here in the prices of local products; rents are unchanged and real estate valuations have not advanced. While the payments on all foreign loans are more onerous, it is claimed that the government's revenue from internal taxation on the increased industries will go far toward making up for the added amount of money required to pay the gold interest on her national debt. The railroads are sufferers, owing to the fact that their earnings are in silver and their bonded indebtedness contracted in gold and the interest payable in gold.

Despite the economic difficulties which have beset Mexico, the country as a whole is prosperous, due principally to the utilization of her wonderful resources, and the expansion of her industries brought about by the wise and progressive administration of President Diaz, which has at all times welcomed the investment of capital and fostered every measure within its power calculated to promote the public good.

CARRIER PIGEON RACE.

New Orleans, La., September 9.—Pedro and Fast Mail, two carrier pigeons, were released in a race to Mishiwaukee, Ind., for the world's championship. Pedro recently made 1000 miles in seventy-five hours (actual flying time about thirty-five hours), and the other bird will make an effort to beat it. The race is for \$100 a side. The chances would seem to favor Pedro.

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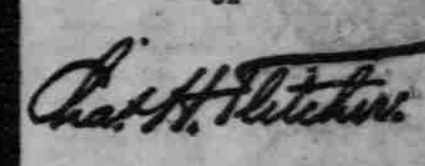
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